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SUPPLEMENT

1. The first indication of the existence of "Juris" Units was revealed during the interrogation of an officer who deserted from the 7th Platoon of the "Juris" (Jurisguast) in May 1946.
2. The "Juris" Units are also called "Terrorist Units K.K.K." It is alleged that the initials derive from the name of the officer commanding several groups of this organization, a certain Captain Ivo Kandjich. These units exist in both zones "A" and "B", and cross from one zone to another according to the nature of the mission. The main headquarters of the organization are in Ljubljana. The field headquarters for the following groups were in Postumia under the command of Captain Kandjich:
  - (a) 1st Group - C.O. Lt. Kralji (or Vinicio Cragli) located at Comeno in Area "A".
  - (b) 2nd Group - Political Commissar Hilija Biziak located at Aidussina.
  - (c) 3rd Group - C.O. Captain Vladko Maslo; Hq. located at his house in Tarnova; has jurisdiction from Postumia to Aidussina; Maslo is experienced in terrorist activity which he has performed since the beginning of the war.
  - (d) 4th Group - C.O. Ante Blasina, located at Chiapovano.
  - (e) 5th Group - C.O. Rado Eundich, located at S. Lucia (Tolmino).
  - (f) 6th Group - Political Commissar Angelo Benedetti, located at Dolla di Sottotolmino.
  - (g) 7th Group - C.O. Ljubo Mositich, located at Dresenza (Caporetto).
  - (h) 8th Group - C.O. Danilo Kospija, an officer of the People's Guard at Gorizia.

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- (i) 9th Group - C.O. Captain Milijo Ursich, located at Podiclanzi (Plezzo).
- (j) 10th Group - C. O. Captain Milijo Ursich, located at Bretto (Zone "A").

Organization

- 3. The total strength of the above-mentioned Groups is not known. The 7th Group, had a strength of 27 men with one Russian sergeant as instructor. The Group possessed German sabotage equipment, such as mines, trytol tubes, nitroglycerine, wire cutters, in addition to two 47/32 guns, two German sub-machine guns, and a few U.S. Thompson sub-machine guns.

General Mission of the "Juris"

- 4. The aim of the "Juris" Groups is to terrorize the population in Zone "A" with a view to organizing a future terrorist policy in areas which are predominantly Italian. This policy, when carried out, takes the form of sabotage of military installations, along lines of communication, pipe lines, etc. Specific missions are usually planned by OZNA or the Yugoslav Military Intelligence with which "Juris" maintains close liaison. According to source, the 7th Group was responsible for the incident at Ursina (Caporetto) between United States and Yugoslav troops.

Characteristics

- 5. The organization is run by Yugoslav officers and some Russian officers. The members, who are completely without scruples and with no moral principles, include many former Fascist "Squadristi". Personnel receive special training, and, in general, are drawn from the Proletarian Units. They wear uniforms in Zone "B" and civilian clothes in Zone "A". Badges of the parent unit are worn on the uniform.. Source reported that the soldiers of the various groups wear a hammer and sickle against a background of the Yugoslav national colors on their caps and on the left arm a badge depicting a sword surrounded by a streak of lightning surmounted by an exploding mass. As a general rule, members of the "Juris" in Zone "A" are in possession of documents which are issued by the leaders of the regional Committee of National Liberation. It has been ascertained that some agents received funds from the "Sindicati Unici" at 2 Via Della Zonta, Trieste, and from the OZNA Hq. in Gorizia, located near the Casa di Cura San Giusto. Source also reports that soldiers often crossed the line of demarcation in civilian clothes with false identity documents for sabotage missions in Zone "A". The most frequented area for the "Juris" and for OZNA agents was the Buttrio-S.Giovanni Al Natisone-Farra-Gorizia area. The leaders of this organization often go to Zone "A" and contact local political leaders. All members of the organization have a number with the prefix "K".

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Dumps

6. Explosive supplies are stored in Gorizia and in the caves in the Carso hills. Searches made by the police have never revealed anything, because there are pro-Tito elements among them. In any case, the material is frequently moved about from place to place. Some dumps are located in the caves along the banks of the Isonzo River and especially in the Gorizia-Plava area.

Orders and Meetings

7. Source stated on 10 May 1946, a certain Yugoslav Captain Herzl, age about 30, who spoke good Italian, reported to the 7th Group in Parenzo. His orders were to lead a patrol to the Morgan Line near Gargaro, where he was to meet ten men, and to whom he was to issue false documents, sabotage material, personal weapons and civilian clothes. These ten men were to perform sabotage in the Gorizia area. The patrol left on a captured U.S. Army 1/4 ton truck with Herzl. The telephone lines between Gorizia and Plezzo, and between Gorizia and Aidussina were sabotaged at the end of May 1946 and at the same time the water supply for an American unit was diverted near Gorizia.
8. In May 1946, the following typewritten order was found in the post box of some clergymen in Gorizia:

"Ord. 276 Secret Service

Agent 15.

"Troops 2205 A in Area I-II begin march southeast. Pick up ammunition at A.C. post. Ready for order to attack 04-05. Liaison agent 67-42-119-277 Gorizia. Police action plan 15 follow immediately elements list 14. Suppress at once elements list 14-8-5-3. Avoid taking away persons representing agreements with agents 36-42-277. Convoy the arrested to Area IV. All Italian convoy to Area III; take possession of their belongings. Guard buildings with suspected elements. Report on operations of IV police unit through trusted messengers; suppress Italian demonstrations.

(Signed): Colonel Draskofski"

9. In Zone "A" the meeting places are changed frequently. In Gorizia the most widely used places for meetings are the various offices of the UAIS, the CIUBEJ, Osteria in Via Duca d'Aosta, the Osteria, "Al Cavallino" in the same street, the Osteria "Gira" near the Peuma Bridge, and private houses and homes of trusted individuals.

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10. At a meeting held on 26 August 1946 at 2200 hours in the Osteria "Gira", terrorist action to be performed in Gorizia was discussed. At previous meetings the methods to be used had been agreed upon. Gorizia was to be divided into four sectors with a leader and group of operators for each sector. These operators were to include persons from Zone "B" who would be dispatched at the proper time. Communications were to be handled only through messengers.
11. The following are believed to be members:
- (a) Prato - University student; resides Gorizia; assigned symbol No. K2.
  - (b) Marino Lio - Photographer in Corso Verdi, Gorizia, No. K 18.
  - (c) Culot - Living in Lucinico, No. K 3.
  - (d) Onco Jeletich - Gorizia
  - (e) Suriani - Ex-Partisan; resides Cormons; is local head of the organization.
12. Another source has reported various facts which could be connected with the activity of the "Juris". The Yugoslav military authorities in Zone "B" at Tribussa, Dol Ottelza, Zolla, Pocrai del Piro (Gorizia) and Casigliano di Sesana (Trieste) had formed in the past five mobile companies of suicide squads, total strength of which is unknown. These units were to attack troops and single Allied vehicles, sabotage roads, bridges, and other military targets. Members of these units were taken to departure points along the Morgan Line in trucks which awaited their return. The officer commanding these troops was Zvetko Koler from Idria, a Lt. in Tito's Army. The only unit which has operated thus far was the one which attacked Allied vehicles along the Val-lone Road, between Trieste and Gorizia. This unit was based at Casigliano.

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